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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM FONMIN FACIO TO SECRETARY KISSINGER

REF: SAN JOSE 0820

1. FONMIN FACIO, WHO RETURNED FROM SOUTH AMERICAN TRIP TUESDAY, CALLED ME IN MARCH 27 TO HAND ME PERSONAL LETTER TO SECRETARY WHICH RESPONDS TO LATTER'S LETTER OF FEBRUARY 27 INVITING COMMENTS PRIOR TO NEXT MEETING OF FONMINS. AS FORECAST IN REFTEL, AFTER EXPRESSION OF STRONG SUPPORT FOR SPIRIT OF TLATELOLCO, FACIO DEVOTES LETTER TO PROBLEM OF CUBA WHICH HE SAYS WILL BE RAISED BY OTHER COUNTRIES IN ATLANTA IF NOT IN WASHINGTON MEETING AS WELL. (FACIO TOLD ME ARGENTINA IS SURE TO RAISE IT.)

2. FACIO STATES CATEGORICALLY THAT COSTA RICA HAS NO INTENTION OF ESTABLISHING RELATIONS OF ANY KIND WITH CUBA AS LONG AS THE OAS RESOLUTIONS REMAIN IN EFFECT. NEVERTHELESS, HE OUTLINES AT LENGTH HIS WELL-KNOWN ARGUMENTS FOR LIFTING THOSE RESOLUTIONS, AND EXPRESSES CONCERN ESPECIALLY FOR THE EROSION IN THE RIO TREATY WHICH HAS RESULTED FROM THEM. HE ALSO ARGUES THAT THE CASTRO REGIME AND SOVIET INFLUENCE IN CUBA HAVE BEEN STRENGTHENED RATHER THAN WEAKENED BY THE SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA.

3. FACIO CONCLUDES THAT THE "CASE OF CUBA CONSTITUTES A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE SHADOW OF THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AGAINST CUBA OBSCURES THE FOCUS OF THE REFORMS WHICH SHOULD BE MADE IN THE OAS CHARTER AND ABOVE ALL IN THE RIO TREATY. FROM THIS POINT OF VIEW IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL (CONVENIENTE) TO ELIMINATE THIS SOURCE OF IRRITATION IN ORDER TO TRY TO FIND, IN A MORE HARMONIOUS ATMOSPHERE, FORMULAS TO MAKE THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM MORE EFFECTIVE." BASED ON HIS RECENT TRIP AND CONVERSATIONS, HE SAYS THAT MANY OTHER FOREIGN MINISTERS SHARE THIS VIEW, AND HE ADDS: "I BELIEVE THAT WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN MUCH LONGER THE POSITION THAT THE CASE OF CUBA SHOULD NOT BE AN OBJECT OF OUR DIALOGUE."

4. LETTER WILL BE POUCHED TODAY (MARCH 28) BY CLASSIFIED POUCH TO ARA/CEN.
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